

Approved
REGULAR MEETING
January 4, 2016

The Wethersfield Town Council held a meeting on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield.

Present: Councilors Bello, Hemmann, Hurley, Latina, Martino, Rell, Spinella, Deputy Mayor Barry, and Chairperson Montinieri

Also present: Mike Turner, Town Engineer; Wethersfield High School Building Committee Chair, Christine Fortunato; O & G Industries Contractor, Gus Kotait; Jeff Bridges, Town Manager and Dolores G. Sassano, Town Clerk.

Deputy Mayor Barry led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

COUNCIL REPORTS - NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Rell thanked Sally Katz, Director Physical Services, for having the roads open by 5:00 a.m. with the first ice/snow of the season, certainly acceptable and passable for residents with early morning start times. Thank you to staff for all their hard work.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Bridges echoed the lack of meeting reports due to the holidays but had information on the upcoming Budget & Finance committee meeting. They have received information on special auditors for health accounts. They are looking at January 14 or 28, when Blum, Shapiro will be available. Also there are 7 firms interested in applying for position of Town Attorney, which is something we do every 2 years. There will probably be two different meetings, one to review the applications and another for the interviews.

TOWN CLERK COMMUNICATIONS

Town Clerk Sassano stated the State Department of Public Health did not make their January 1st deadline for rolling out a new vital records program. They now expect to have it available to all 159 communities on the 5th of January.

COUNCIL ACTION

Ordinances, Resolutions and Appointments for Action: NONE

Unfinished Business: NONE

Other Business: NONE

Bids:

Councilor Bello motioned **“TO ACCEPT THE TWO YEAR EXTENSION TO THE CIRMA RATE STABILIZATION AGREEMENT”**, seconded by Councilor Spinella.

Town Manager Bridges stated that CIRMA [Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency] is offering the Wethersfield Town and Board of Education the following two year extension to the current 3 Year Rate stabilization agreement (7/1/13-7/1/2016).

Policy Year 2016-17:

Liability-Auto-Property-a -5% from the year end 2015-2016 premiums (net of Builders risk premium).

Workers’ Compensation-a +3% over the 2015-2016 premium; they also agree to hold up to a 3% payroll increase within this program.

Policy Year 2017-2018:

Liability-Auto-Property-at 0% (flat) from the year end 2016-2017 premium (net of Builders risk premium).

Workers’ Compensation-they would price accordingly during our normal 2017-2018 rate indication period.

If either the Workers’ Compensation or LAP policy is marketed or moved during the 2016-2018 extension period, this agreement will no longer apply.

Town Manager Bridges stated that both Finance Director Mike O’Neil and the Insurance Committee recommend the acceptance of this offer.

Vote: All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Chairperson Montinieri called for a motion for the next item on the agenda. Town Manager Bridges stated the next item on the agenda concerns the Wethersfield High School Building Committee and asked Mike Turner, Town Engineer; Christine Fortunato, Chair of the WHS Building Committee and O & G Industries Consultant Gus Kotait to walk Councilors through the plans.

It is considered a change order because it was not part of the initial proposal and was an add-on to the job, using the FF&E contingency from the start of the project.

The Building Committee asked to have it passed as “not to exceed” the budgeted amount of

\$42,144 for the additional electrical service for the sound systems in the Wethersfield High School Auditorium. Their engineers think the amount should be lower due to some duplication of items listed.

Deputy Mayor Barry motion **“TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WETHERSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #0056 WITH FERGUSON ELECTRIC FOR \$42,144”**, seconded by Councilor Martino.

Vote: All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Deputy Mayor Barry moved to **“AMEND THE RECOMMENDATION TO INCLUDE “NOT TO EXCEED 42,144”**, seconded by Councilor Martino.

Vote: All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS FOR INTRODUCTION - NONE

MINUTES

Mayor Montinieri asked about the status of the full minutes of the last meeting of December 21, 2015.

Town Clerk Sassano stated that the attached minutes are the motions of the meeting. Full minutes with discussions etc. will be available at the next meeting for approval.

At 7:30 p.m. Councilor Bello moved **“TO ENTER INTO A BUDGET WORKSHOP PRESENTATION FOR COUNCIL, THE PUBLIC IS ALLOWED BUT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS ETC”**, seconded by Councilor Martino.

Vote: All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 p.m., Councilor Hurley moved **"TO ADJOURN THE MEETING"**, seconded by Councilor Martino.

Vote: All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Dolores G. Sassano
Town Clerk

Approved by Vote of Council
January 19, 2016